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| In re Patent Application of |) | MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION |
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| For: A METHOD FOR FABRICATING, |) | |
| MODIFYING OR REPAIRING OF |) | |
| SINGLE CRYSTAL OR |) | |
| DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED |) | |
| ARTICLES |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, it is requested that this application be amended as set forth herein.

The applicants request the entry of certain amendments to the application.